SECTION 84. Section 94h of the statutes is renumbered to be section 6.76.

SECTION 85. Section 94i of the statutes is renumbered to be section 6.77.

SECTION 86. Section 94j of the statutes is renumbered to be section 6.78.

Section 87. Section 45a of the statutes is renumbered to be section 6.79.

Section 88. A new section is added to the statute to read: 6.80 As far as practicable and not otherwise provided by law the provisions of this chapter shall be applied to primary elections to town, village and city elections, and to referendum votes respecting the incurring of municipal indebtedness, the issue of municipal bonds, the acquisition of utilities, the recall or removal of public officers, direct legislation in cities and counties, constitutional amendments and all other subjects. And in taking all such referendum votes the ballot used shall conform as far as practicable to the provisions of section 6.23.

Section 89. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 384.

AN ACT to renumber chapter 6, chapter 7 and chapter 8 of the statutes and to renumber and revise the sections of said chapters.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 6, chapter 7 and chapter 8 of the statutes are renumbered, to be, respectively, chapter 7, chapter 8 and chapter 9.

Section 2. Section 94k of the statutes is renumbered and revised to read: 7.01 (1) In addition to the provisions of law for the filling of vacancies in public offices by appointment such vacancies may be filled by election as provided by this chapter.

(2) A vacancy in the office of senator or representative in the congress of the United States, occurring not more than four months nor less than twenty days before a general election, may be filled at such election. Any such vacancy occurring more than four months, or less than twenty days, before a general election may be filled at a special election and if not so filled

may be filled at any subsequent general election before the end of the term.

- (3) Any vacancy in the office of state senator may be filled by election as a vacancy in the office of senator of the United States may be filled, except as otherwise provided by this subsection. Any vacancy in the office of assemblyman occurring before the first day of February of the first year of his term shall be filled as promptly as may be by special election. But any vacancy in the office of state senator or assemblyman occurring after the close of the last regular session of the legislature held during his term shall not be filled unless a special session of the legislature be thereafter called during such term, in which case a special election to fill such vacancy shall be so ordered, if possible, that the new member may participate in such special session.
- (4) A vacancy in any other elective state office (except that of governor or lieutenant governor), if it occurs more than six months before the expiration of the current term, may be filled at a special election held not later than sixty days before the next general election.

SECTION 3. Section 94m of the statutes is renumbered and revised to read: 7.02 Special elections in addition to those authorized by section 7.01 may be held in the following cases:

- (1) When there shall have been neglect or failure to choose, (a), at a general election a member of the congress or legislature aforesaid or any county officer, who by law should have been chosen at such election, or, (b), at the proper April election a superintendent of schools or a member of the county board of education in any district in the state, who by law should have been chosen at such election.
- (2) When the right of office of a person elected to either of the offices mentioned in paragraph (1) shall cease before the commencement of the term of office for which he shall have been elected.
- (3) When the governor, in his discretion, directs such an election to fill any vacancy not provided for by this section and section 7.01.

Section 4. Section 941 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 7.03 • • Whenever a vacancy • • • exists • • • in any office specified in section 7.01 which by law should be • • filled at the ensuing general election, the secretary of state shall, twenty days at least before such election, give notice in writing to the clerk of each county when the vacancy is • • • to be filled by the voters of the whole state, • • • and when the vacancy is to be filled by the

voters of a district less than the whole state, then to the clerk of each county located in whole or in part in such district.

* * specifying the cause of such vacancy, the name of the officer in whose office it occurred, and the time when his term of office will expire.

* * Thereupon the county clerk shall

* of forthwith cause a notice containing the substance of the notice received by him to be transmitted by mail to each town clerk and the clerk of each village,

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Section 5. Section 94n of the statutes is renumbered to be section 7.04.

Section 6. Section 940 of the statutes is renumbered to be section 7.05 and is amended by striking therefrom the figures 33 and by inserting in place thereof the figures 6.19; also by striking therefrom the figures 37 and by inserting in place thereof the figures 6.22.

Section 7. Section 94p of the statutes is renumbered and revised to read: 7.06 Special elections shall be held at the place, and conducted by the officers, and the result canvassed in the same manner, and within the same time thereafter certified, in all respects as near as practicable as provided for general elections. When a special election as to any officer, whose election is required by law to be at a general election, is held on the same day as an annual town meeting or municipal election, the ballots cast at such special election shall be deposited in a separate box provided for that purpose. No special election shall be held within sixty days next preceding a general election. No special election for any school officer or for any county officer shall be held after the time when his term would have commenced if he had been elected at the proper April or November election. This chapter does not relate to the filling of vacancies in judicial offices.

Section 8. Section 94q of the statutes is renumbered to be section 8.01.

Section 9. Section 94r of the statutes is renumbered to be section 8.02.

Section 10. Section 94s of the statutes is renumbered to be section 8.03.

Section 11. Section 94t—1 of the statutes is renumbered to be section 8.04 and is amended by striking out the last sentence.

SECTION 12. Section 94t of the statutes is renumbered to be section 8.05 and is amended by striking therefrom the figures 38 and by inserting in place thereof the figures 6.23. Said section is further amended by inserting in the last sentence thereof, immediately after the words "general elections" the following words: "except as otherwise herein provided."

Section 13. Section 94w of the statutes is renumbered to be section 9.01.

Section 14. Section 94w—1 of the statutes is renumbered to be section 9.02, and is amended by striking therefrom the figures "38" wherever they appear in the section, and by substituting in each place thereof the figures "6.23."

SECTION 15. Section 94x of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 9.03 If a senator or a representative in congress shall resign, he shall forthwith transmit a notice of his resignation to the secretary of state; and if a vacancy shall occur in his office by death or otherwise • • the county clerk of the county in which such United States senator or representative shall have resided at the time of his election shall, without delay, transmit a notice of such vacancy to the secretary of state.

Section 16. Section 94y of the statutes is renumbered to be section 9.04.

Section 17. Section 94aa of the statutes is renumbered to be section 9.05.

Section 18. Section 94z of the statutes is renumbered to be section 9.06.

Section 19. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to revise those sections of the statutes and session laws relating to city, village and town elections and to embody them all in a single new chapter.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. A new chapter is added to the statutes to be numbered and entitled as follows: